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ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

On Sunday, April 29, 2012 a robbery occurred at approximately 2:30 a.m. in the parking lot to Coconuts Bar, 39 Persimmon Street, Bluffton, South Carolina. The suspects approached two individuals in the parking lot and began hitting them. The suspects then went through the pockets of the victims and took approximately 100 dollars in cash and a cell phone. The victim, Henry Ward, was transported to Coastal Carolina Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries to his jaw and lip.

Bluffton Police Investigators spoke with Ward and he identified Corey Avery as the person who attacked him and then went through his pockets. Ward knows Avery and he was able to identify him in a photo lineup. There was also a witness to the incident who overheard Avery talking to his friends about robbing Ward in the parking lot. This same witness positively identified Avery in a photo lineup.

On May 1, 2012 the Bluffton Police Department, with cooperation from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, arrested Corey Leon Avery for Strong Armed Robbery. Avery was transported to the Beaufort County Detention center and is currently being held on a \$40,000 cash bond.

The incident is still under investigation and anyone with information is encouraged to call the Bluffton Police Department's tip line at 843-706-4560.



Corey Leon Avery
100 Kensington Blvd. Apt. 1007
Bluffton, SC 29910
DOB: 11/21/1990

Charges

1. 16-11-0325 Strong Armed Robbery-Felony

